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Dinner with Trump at Davos

By Kelsey Tamborrino, Politico • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:43:55

At one point, Pouyanne said his company was investing in renewables, joking to Trump, "and maybe you disagree." Saetre, meanwhile, used his time to congratulate Trump on tax reform. "I think that is really good news, for all of us here, but for oil and gas and our industry." [[read more ...](#)]

At Davos, bosses paint climate change as an opportunity

By Alex Whiting, Reuters • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:44:16

"Climate change is the next century's biggest financial and business opportunity," Anand Mahindra, chairman of the Mahindra Group, a \$19 billion conglomerate, told the World Economic Forum (WEF), an annual meeting of global business and political leaders held in the Swiss Alps resort of Davos. [[read more ...](#)]

5 climate themes from Davos

Benjamin Hulac and Jean Chemnick, E&E News reporters • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:44:31

World leaders who preceded Trump to the podium Tuesday and yesterday lobbed veiled criticisms at him, fretting about threats to globalization and to solidarity needed to address problems like climate change. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said a move away from collective responsibility would complicate efforts to confront challenges like global warming, which he called the "greatest threat to the survival of human civilization as we know it." [[read more ...](#)]

Perry: US 'not just exporting energy, we're exporting freedom'

By Timothy Cama, The Hill • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:44:54

Energy Secretary Rick Perry characterized the Trump administration's energy agenda as a world-changing development that spreads freedom around the globe. Perry framed exports of fossil fuels like oil, natural gas and coal as a central part of President Trump's "Energy

Dominance" agenda, in which the administration is aiming to dramatically increase the domestic production of fossil fuels. [[read more ...](#)]

Gore (sort of) defends Trump's tariff decision

Christa Marshall, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:45:24

Former Vice President Al Gore said yesterday President Trump's decision to slap tariffs on solar panels is not "an utter catastrophe." Speaking on a panel at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Gore deflected blame away from Trump, saying the trade barriers were prompted by the two companies that brought the case, Suniva and SolarWorld Americas. [[read more ...](#)]

Op-Ed: Solar Tariff Decision Undermines Growth of a U.S. 'Economic Engine'

By Ernie Shea, 25x25 • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:45:38

Monday's decision by the Trump administration to impose tariffs on imported solar cells and modules was anticipated by the industry, given the president's "America First" agenda on behalf of U.S. manufacturing, energy and other sectors. Tariffs were also an outcome that most of the solar industry in this country feared. While claims were made that the punitive duties would generate U.S. jobs, the consensus – even from impartial analysts – suggests any increase in manufacturing jobs would be minimal. [[read more ...](#)]

Iowa wind blade maker laying off 200 workers

By Kevin Hardy, Des Moines Register • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:45:57

Siemens will lay off 202 workers at its Fort Madison, Iowa wind blade plant, according to a notification the company made to Iowa Workforce Development. Siemens notified affected workers on Wednesday and plans to eliminate their positions by March 24. [[read more ...](#)]

Maine's governor puts the kibosh on new wind power in the state

By Peter Maloney, Utility Dive • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:46:33

Wind power has been growing rapidly in Maine, but that will likely halt with the governor's new executive order. It not only puts a moratorium on wind power development, it creates a commission to review past and future wind projects in the state. LePage is concerned that wind power could negatively impact tourism in the state. "We cannot afford to damage our natural assets in ways that would deter visitors from returning to Maine," LePage said in a statement. [[read more ...](#)]

Job of the future: Wind farmer

By Erin Winick, MIT Technology Review • • Posted 2018-01-26 06:47:07

By her own estimation, Halfpenny has helped build around 400 turbines and made more than 1,200 trips up and down their giant towers. And she finds herself in what can aptly be described as a job of the future: her skills are in high demand both where she works in Ontario, Canada, and south of the border, where in 2017 the US Bureau of Labor Statistics

said it expected wind turbine technicians to represent the second-fastest-growing occupation in America, more than doubling in overall number of employees through 2026 [[read more ...](#)]

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